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SUBJECT:CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR VISA

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1. IN CONVERSATION JUNE 4 WITH EMMETT JOHN HUGHES, EDITOR OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, WE LEARNED THAT CSM HAD NOT AGREED THAT POND WOULD REFRAIN FROM ENTERING KOREA IN RETURN FOR ROK AGREEMENT NOT TO REVOKE HER KOREAN VISA. HUGHES SAID HE HAD INFORMED AMBASSADOR HAHM OF THIS ON MAY 31. HAHM SAID HE WOULD REOPEN WITH THE ROKG BUT HAD NOT RESPONDED TO HUGHES AS OF JUNE 4. CSM WANTS POND TO COVER UPCOMING TRIALS. HE DID NOT MENTION KIM TAE CHUNG BUT IN ALL PROBABILITY HIS CASE ALSO FIGURES IN DESIRE TO HAVE POND RETURN TO SEOUL. CSM IS PREPARED FOR ROK REFUSAL TO ADMIT POND AND WOULD THEN MAKE PUBLIC ENTIRE ISSUE.

2. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AMONG AMBASSADOR HABIB, AMBASSADOR HAHM AND RANARD JUNE 4 AT COMMERCE MEETING. HAHM HAS AGREED ON ONE MORE ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE SEOUL NOT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO POND.

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3. UNLESS YOU THINK IT COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE WOULD APPRECIATE
YOU DISCUSS WITH ROKG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL USING FOLLOWING
POINTS:

A. ROK HAS OBTAINED ITS OBJECTIVE IN SUBSTANCE, I.E. CSM

PRINTED HAHM REBUTTAL AND DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM DEROG-
ATORY ALLEGATION AGAINST PARK.

B. EXCLUSION OF POND WOULD EXACERBATE ROK PROBLEMS WITH
US PRESS AND OUTCOME COULD NOT HELP BUT DAMAGE ROK
POSITION IN US.

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